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SUBJ: US STATEMENT IN UN COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY REGARDING OBJECTIVES OF CROAT NATIONALIST TERRORISTS

REF: A. USUN 2292; B. STATE 163257; C. BELGRADE 4611

1. PARA 6 OF REF C UNDERLINED SIGNIFICANCE OF SENIOR USG OFFICIALS AND SPOKESMEN EXPLICITLY DEPLORING NOT JUST METHODS BUT SEPARATIST GOALS OF TERRORISTS SUCH AS THOSE WHO ATTACKED YUGOSLAVIA'S MISSION ON JULY 14. IN THAT REGARD, ACTING US PERMREP LEONARD'S STATEMENT DURING JULY 15 MEETING OF UN COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY (REF A) MAY BE USEFUL ALONG WITH THAT OF DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN ON JULY 13 (REF B) IN DISCUSSIONS WITH YUGOSLAVS. AMBASSADOR LEONARD SAID IN THIS CONNECTION:

"FIRST, IF YOU PERMIT ME MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH REGARD TO THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVE OF YUGSOAVIA, I WOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO EXPRESS MY REGARETS AND THOSE OF MY GOVERNMENT OVER THE ASSAULT ON THE 14TH OF JUNE, THE ASSAULT BY TERRORISTS ON THE YUGOSLAV MISSION. MY GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS THIS ATTACK AS CONFIDENTIAL

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WANTON AND REPREHENSIBLE AND HAS SO ADVISED THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK, AND IN BELGRADE. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT PLAIN THAT THERE IS NO SYMPATHY ON THE PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT FOR THE OBJECTIVES PURSUED BY THESE TERRORISTS. I SHOULD THINK THAT THIS IS SELF-EVIDENT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE THAT THIS ATTITUDE ON OUR PART IS CONFIRMED BY THE SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION ON

OUR PART, THE PART OF OUR GOVERNMENT, OF OTHER TERRORISTS PROCLAIMING THE SAME OBJECTIVES WHO HAD HIJACKED A PLANE AT AN EARLIER TIME -- A CASE I WILL REFER TO AGAIN IN A MOMENT."

2. WHILE WE HAVE NOT CIRCULATED TEXT OF AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S SPEECH, WHICH INCLUDES REFERENCE TO A NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING OTHER UN MISSIONS IN NEW YORK (REF A), WE WILL DO SO SHOULD DEPARTMENT CONSIDER THIS USEFUL. (FULL TEXT BY DATAFAX TO IO/UNP LORENZ.) LEONARD

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